GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
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Facilities in Schools
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a provision for providing free textbooks, separate toilets, bridge courses etc. for girl students, recruitment of 50% women teachers, early childhood care and education centres near schools, etc. by the Government;
(b) if so, the details thereof along with the funds allocated under the said scheme in various States including Maharashtra during the 12th Five Year Plan;
(c) whether the said scheme is being implemented in private/recognized schools as well; and
(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
(SMT. SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

(a): Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) which is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme being implemented in partnership with State Governments/UTs for universalizing elementary education across the country has targeted interventions for greater participation of girls which include free textbooks, free uniforms, separate toilets for girls, teachers' sensitization programmes to promote girls participation, gender-sensitive teaching learning materials including textbooks, the appointment of additional teachers including women teachers and the scheme of Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalayas as residential upper primary schools for girls belonging to SC/ST/Minority Communities, BPL families and girls in difficult circumstances.

Under the scheme of Rashtriya Madyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA), interventions include construction of new secondary schools, provision of toilets blocks in exiting schools, construction of teachers quarters, special teaching for learning enhancement, self defense training, guidance and counseling facilities, conduct of adolescent education programmes, organization of empowerment/awareness camps to increase the enrolment and education of girls at the secondary stage. One of the components of RMSA is Girls Hostel scheme, which envisages setting up of Girls Hostel in Educationally Backward Blocks.

(b): The details of funds allocated under SSA and RMSA to all states, including Maharashtra, during the 12th Five Year Plan are at Annexure.

(c) & (d): Both SSA and RMSA are being implemented in Government and Government aided schools.